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Higher Taxes for Higher Ed

Tax Reform Could Mean Graduate Students See Tax Hike

Lauren Wiseman

News Editor

Ever since the Senate’s latest tax bill was shuffled through Washington at two in the morning, it has garnered a lot of buzz online. The online discussions have ranged from overreacting to underreacting. One group that will be affected by the bill specifically is graduate students. For a campus full of students interested in or going to graduate school—and with over half of graduate students receiving tuition waivers in the STEM fields—the effects of tax reform on graduate school are important.

According to CNN Money, there are roughly 145,000 graduate students for whom their college has waived the tuition. Under the current tax code, that tuition award is not considered taxable income while the student either teaches or does research for the school. “But a provision in the House bill would change that,” writes Katie Lobosco, “adding the amount of tuition to the students [sic] taxable income.”

A group of 31 House Republicans opposed this measure, led by Congressman Pete Sessions of Texas. The lawmakers signed a letter stating that “Repeal of the income exclusion for graduate students would subject thousands of graduate students to a major tax increase at a time in their lives when they lack the ability to pay.”

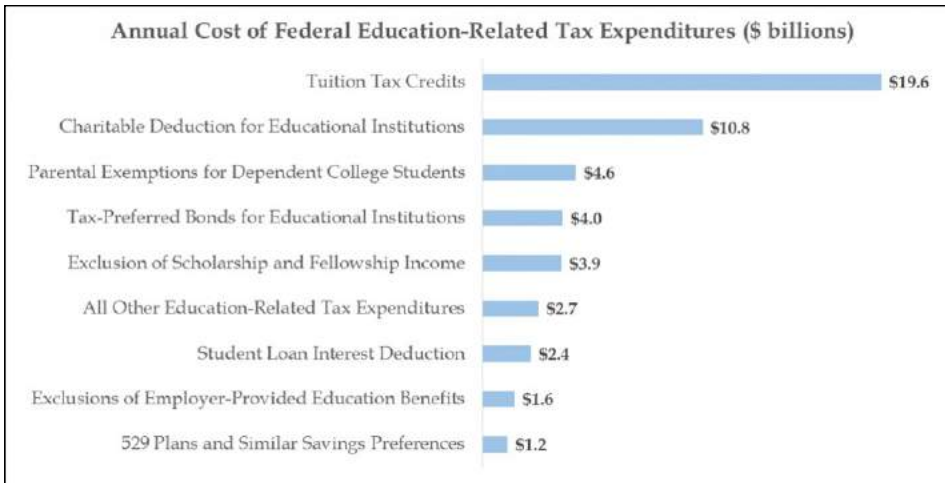
The Senate tax bill would leave these waivers remain untouched. Lobosco writes, “It’s something lawmakers have to reconcile as conference committees attempt to hash out the differences and create one tax bill before the end of the year.”

Forbes goes into a little more detail about what the House tax bill does. Writes Preston Cooper, “On the chopping block in the House Republicans’ bill is section 117(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, which exempts qualified tuition waivers from taxation.” What the bill does not touch is 117(a), which provides “that scholarships used to pay tuition and fees are not considered taxable income.”

The distinction between tuition waivers and scholarships are important, because that is the crux of this tax bill. Working for a university functions as an incentive to receive tuition waivers, but not scholarships. “Under the proposal, universities can still reduce their students’ tuition bills without incurring tax consequences,” Cooper writes.

The tax bill, while focusing on tuition waivers, has ignored arguably more important tax benefits such as health insurance. “It’s logically inconsistent to tax small, niche benefits such as tuition waivers,” Cooper writes, “but ignore massive, widespread benefits such as employer-provided health insurance.”

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Excluding waived tuition for graduate students that are employed by their institution costs \$3.9 billion in lost tax revenue.

Graphic Courtesy of Forbes



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Higher Taxes For Higher Ed

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Around the US, graduate students are staging campus walk-outs, according to The Washington Post. Shawn Rhoads, a graduate student at Georgetown University, explained that he worries he may have to stop studying neuroscience. “It’s an outrageous financial burden for graduate students,” he told The Washington Post.

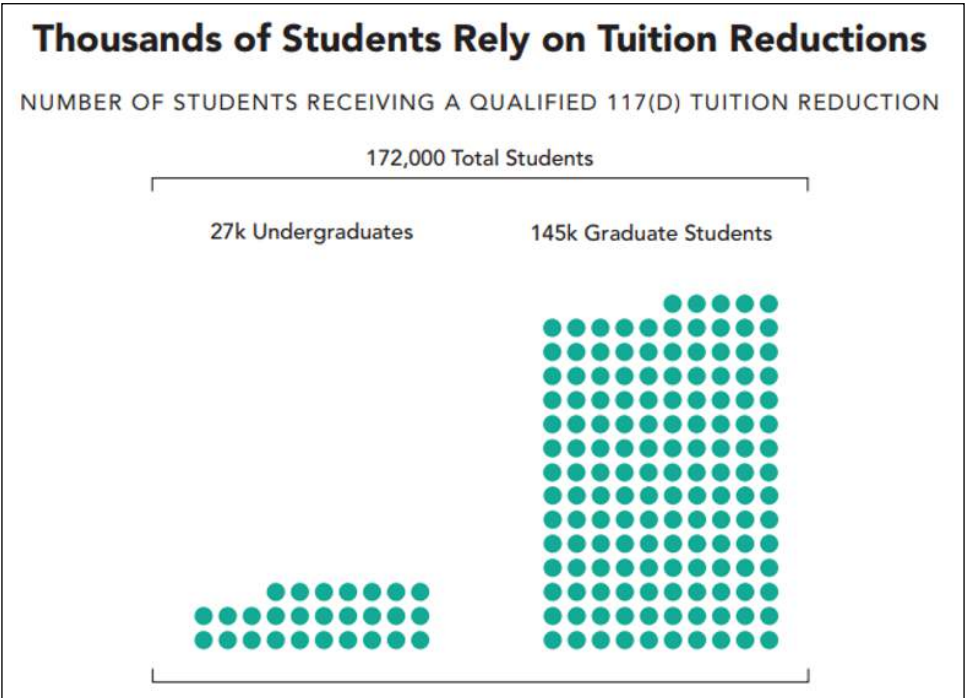
Some students protested at House Speaker Paul Ryan’s office December 5, airing their grievances about the waiver provision and other parts they claim will “devastate higher education.” Others began signing a petition asking Congress to keep the tuition waiver. Over 3,000 graduate students have signed the petition.

“The American Council on Education, an umbrella group representing more than 1,800 colleges and universities, estimated that higher education provisions in the House bill, including making tuition waivers taxable, would in-

crease the cost to students attending college by more than \$65 billion between 2018 and 2027,” write Maria Danilova and Collin Binkley for The Washington Post.

The director of government relations for the council, Steven M. Bloom, voiced concerns on how the bill would affect the STEM fields, saying, “It would be devastating to graduate education, undermining severely our pipeline of bright new graduate students who are going to contribute to our economy in a whole range of fields.”

It is unclear whether the tuition waiver will be eliminated in the final version of the tax reform bill. The House and Senate have nominated representatives to carry out the reconciliation of the two versions of the bill. The Republicans have promised to have the tax bill ready for President Trump to sign by Christmas.



Removing the tuition waiver for students could drastically reduce the number of students pursuing graduate degrees.

Graphic Courtesy of Dallas News

Personal Statement Workshops

Jared Gibson

Staff Writer

It’s all over campus at this point, and all those who have refused to acknowledge it saying, “It’s not even Thanksgiving yet!” or “We’re still in November!” must relinquish their skepticism and admit: ‘Tis the

“But fear not, for unto us a personal statement workshop is born.”

season.

The Holidays are here! Christmas decorations are visible all over campus. From the innumerable strands of Christmas lights inextricably inter-

twined in the branches of the trees lining Wabash in ways that the combined efforts of the physics and math departments could not explain, to the quirky, 3D-printed Christmas decorations that only engineering or science professors would ever own, it is undeniable. However, as I’m sure most Rose students/parents are aware, work does not stop until a few days before Christmas. Among the homework, tests, and projects that students must keep in mind this December should be one important question: What am I going to do with my summer?

Some students will be looking to apply to graduate school, a fellowship, or an REU. They will need to collect letters of recommendation, dust off their resumes and their writing skills, and come up with some personal statements that will give them the best chance of obtaining the position. But fear not, for unto us a personal statement workshop is born.

Well, actually, two personal statement workshops. The first will be held during 4th hour (10:50-11:40) in O205 on Tuesday, December 12. The second will be during 9th hour (3:25-4:15) in the GM Room on Thursday, January 11.

These workshops will be led by Professors Dosmar and Summers and will include an overview of the typical personal statement as well as some examples of personal statements from different disciplines. Participants will be led through different writing prompts and provided with ideas for peer writing groups. So, if you are looking to get ahead on your graduate school, fellowship, or REU applications, here’s your chance.



Personal statements can be used for graduate school, fellowships, or REUs.

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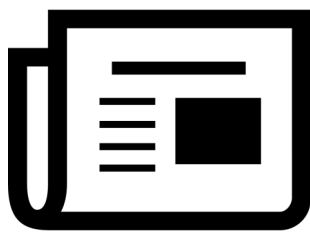
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Significant Upcoming Federal Court Cases

The immigration ban is now in its third form after being stopped by federal appeal courts, revised and then stopped again.

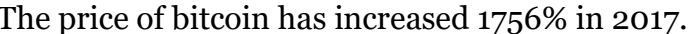
The second major case the Supreme Court has looked at this month is the Masterpiece Cakeshop vs. Colorado Civil Rights Commission

Whichever side the Supreme Court agrees with, it will have major effects on how anti-discrimination laws and the first amendment interact with each other.

Editor-in-Chief

What makes bitcoin's rise so controversial is how people understand the underlying technology of cryptocurrencies. Those who say bitcoin's price accurately reflects its value

Whatever the result of bitcoin's rapid price rise, 2017 was the year bitcoin went mainstream.



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Journalism Isn't Always Black and White.

Write for the News Section.

WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS INTERVIEW WITH (A FEW) VAMPIRES

Lauren Wiseman

News Editor

“Vampires have had a pretty bad rep,” explains 379-year-old Viago. “We’re not these mokey old creatures who live in castles. And while some...most of us are—a lot are...but...there are also those of us who like to flat together in really small countries like New Zealand.” Such is the case for a passel of vampires in the 2014 mockumentary *What We Do in the Shadows*.

There is not a lot to say in terms of plot, but Taika Waititi and Jemaine Clement’s horror comedy makes up for it in spades. The three vampires the documentary follows feel like real people, and never once did the dialogue feel like it was written or rehearsed. Even with the goofy accents and costumes, I had no problem believing these three vampires really did live in Wellington together.

Waititi is adorable as the foppish and fastidious Viago, obsessed with laying down towels before feeding and making sure someone does their house chores. Clement plays Vladislav as a washed up parody of Gary Oldman’s interpretation of Dracula, and somehow manages to make an 862-year-old Vlad the Impaler-type a lot of fun. Johnny Brugh rounds out the trio as Deacon, the “young, rebellious bad boy” of the group...and a former member of Hitler’s secret Nazi vampire army (did you know that? I didn’t know that).

Even the non-vampires fit seamlessly into the expose of this bizarre Wellington subculture. The werewolves (“not swearwolves,” they



Let’s play a game! It’s called; Spot the Human. (Hint: not the guy in the center.)

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“For a movie all about the undead, there were some good messages in there about living your life to the fullest.”



Even the dead need to enjoy some nightlife.

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constantly remind each other) form a hilarious pack of dudes who just want to save a pair of jeans when the full moon comes around. Stu, a human who finds his way into the vampires’ lives as a sort of personal IT guy, isn’t even acting. (And I mean that: Waititi brought Stu Rutherford onto the project after Rutherford hooked up a router for Waititi’s mother.)

What We Do in the Shadows is ultimately a string of clever vignettes that either subvert established vampire

lore or use the established lore to increase just how funny a given situation is. In one scene, the vampires draw pictures of each other because they have no reflections to consult; in another, they’re watching sunrises on YouTube because they cannot go out in the daylight.

Even amidst all the laughs, there are some genuinely heartfelt moments. Like the humans around them, these vampires have people they love, others who have broken their hearts, or people who leave their lives in gruesome ways. For a movie all about the undead, there were some good messages in there about living your life to the fullest.

It has been a long time since I genuinely laughed out loud at a movie, but *What We Do in the Shadows* quickly became one of the funniest movies I had ever seen, and potentially one of my top ten movies ever. A concept is only as good as its execution, and I think *What We Do in the Shadows* executed it perfectly.



The Twilight Zone A Delightfully Spooky Netflix Binge

Morgan McDonald

Staff Writer

Science-fiction, horror, plot twists that make you dizzy; *The Twilight Zone* is the perfect Netflix binge watch for the dramatic Rose

student. If you love shocks and surprises with a not-so-hidden moral message, this show is for you.

The *Twilight Zone* was filmed in the 1950s and 1960s, so yes it is in black and white and the special effects are not of the highest quality. Each episode is unrelated (so you won’t get caught up in cliff-hangers) and features strange events occurring in the universe. The event is usually a consequence of a character’s choices and attitude towards life and is made to encourage the viewer to contemplate the situation. Many episodes result in a mind-blowing reveal that, after a late night of homework, seem pretty extravagant.

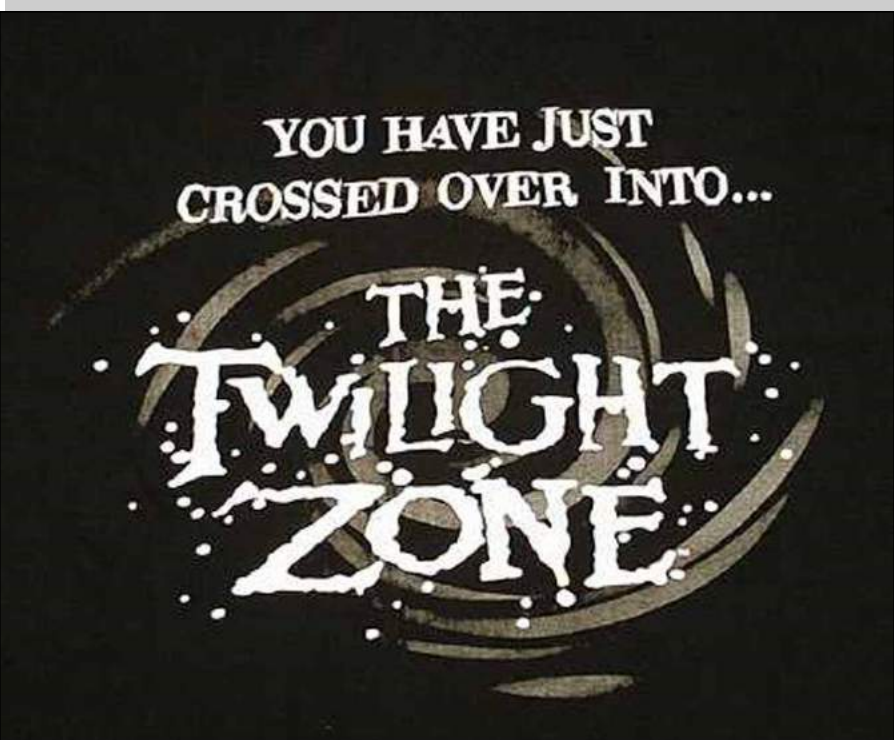
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full of excitement. The episodes are eerie and interesting. I would highly recommend this show to anyone who was looking for an entertaining, dramatic, and comedic show.

Netflix has all of the episodes of *The Twilight Zone* and you won’t regret watching any one of them.

P.S. I have watched 47 of the over a hundred episodes, and have loved every single one!



Well, you’ve been warned.

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An Engineer Abroad

A Visit to the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Thomas Hall
Staff Writer

I am an engineer, why on earth would I ever be interested in such a waste of time and space as art? I mean I chose to go to an engineering school not some hippy-dippy liberal arts school because I actually believe it or not want a job. Well first off you are wrong. Art stands to stir our emotions and stimulate our souls. Art is about more than what is actually there and with time to really interact with the fine pieces that Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) has to offer. IMA itself is a great place to get started on your journey into fully appreciating art due to their wide selection spanning from Van Goghs to a Lancia Stratos HF Zero.

Actually, let us start with the Stratos. This concept car is the epitome of the wedge design that 80’s supercars are known for. The Stratos HF zero is the opening piece that welcomes you into the design wing of the museum in this area you will find everything from chairs to iPhones and everything in between. And guess what they all required engineers to build and design them especially the personal computer they have on display. Hence you will have to use some amount of artistic talent if you are going to build the products we all love and want to be involved in.

So while we are there we should probably get some inspirations from the greats that are surrounding you at IMA. With a wide collection including numerous Van Goghs, Degas, Monets, and Rembrandts; As well as an entire floor dedicated to modern art if that is more your speed. Currently, they have an exhibit on street art from New York in the 70’s and 80’s with some truly special pieces from Keith Haring, Futura 2000, and Miss Pink. The museum is broke up into different sections based on era so you can skip to exactly the type of art you enjoy if you know what that is. But if not you can always do what I prefer mainly being wander aimlessly and have a sense of discoverly every time you step inside a gallery. Unlike many museum in this area of the country the museum has a large collection of Asian Art which tend to be skipped over by curators trying to bring in mid-western patrons.

Maybe you are a chemistry major and you are thinking that you will only design things on a molecular level. Fortunately they have an

exhibit for you, too. Currently, at IMA they have an exhibit called the Chemistry of Color. In this exhibit, they walk through how different colors have been made throughout the centuries. They even have a sample of VantaBlack the Blackest thing ever made that absorbs 99.98% of light, meaning that when applied to a 3D surface the item appears to be flat. I am truly not exaggerating when I say when I saw it for the first time it completely blew my mind. I honestly recommend a trip if that is the only thing you see.

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On your trip it can be handy to bring a friend that knows art and can talk you through pieces that way you can really start to see the layers beneath the surface if not feel comfortable asking the museum staff; trust me they do not bite. If nothing else, Indianapolis Museum of Art has one of the four famous LOVE statues which makes it perfect for that Instagram photo for all your friends.



The front of the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA).

Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia



The Lancia Stratos HF Zero.

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What are Those?

A look into the Off-White X Nike Sneaker collaboration

Seun Ladipo
Lifestyle Editor

On November 9th, 2017 Nike and Off-White released their latest sneaker collaboration. This collaboration gained much popularity among social media and the sneaker community alike and turned out to be one of the most popular collections of the year.

This collaboration called “The Ten” showcases ten iconic Nike shoes, both historical and contemporary. These shoes in this collection are the Air Jordan 1, Air Presto, Air Max 90, Air Force 1, Air VaporMax, Hyperdunk, Zoom Vaporfly, Converse Chuck Taylor, Blazer and Air Max 97.

The popularity of this collection is almost unprecedented in the sneaker community as this collection has been in the public spotlight of sneaker heads ever since it was announced. I believe that this collection was a perfect storm as three of the shoes in this collection (Air Jordan 1, Air Force 1, and Chuck Taylor) are the top three best selling shoes of all time. This paired off with the fact that they were designed by Off-White , one of the most popular fashion companies in the world at the moment, really led way for some serious potential.

These theme of this collection is heavily centered around the deconstruction of each shoe. This concept in my opinion was a bit corny at first glance but once I got a look at the entire collection I fell in love with this idea.



You too could own this collection for the price of one arm and one leg.

Photos Courtesy of Nike.com



Off-White was started by Kanye West’s creative director, Virgil Abloh.

Photos Courtesy of Masses.com

The shoes have iconic words written on them showcasing the technologies that Nike has developed throughout the years along with other basic parts of the shoe. Words such as “Air”, “shoelaces”, and even “Foam” are plastered throughout the collection in a very artistic manner.

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Most of the shoes in the collection are black and shades of white apart from the Air Jordan 1 which is in the iconic Red, Black, and White Chicago colorway. Translucency along with rough textures are a definite trope of this collection as they are strewn throughout every shoe in this collection. Another key point of The Ten is that they all have a small red zip tie label on them and a small orange tab somewhere on the body of the sneaker. These serve as a birthmark of sorts as these shoes are all in the same collection.

These shoes all released separately with pieces ranging from \$130 to \$250 retail. Although this being a very limited release they sold out everywhere within moments of their actual release date. Due to reselling and the popularity of this collection pairs are selling at an average or \$500, with some going as high as \$1500. Anyone willing to spend enough to get the entire collection better be ready to give up their first-born child.

Opinions

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DAC-Nah...

Andrew Henderson

Staff Writer

In 2012 the Obama Administration started the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (shortened to DACA) programs, which gave amnesty to hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants who immigrated to the United States illegally as a child. Many call these children Dreamers. This nickname comes from the DREAM act, a policy that was very popular with Democrats, however incredibly unpopular with Republicans. Just last September the Trump administration decided to end the policy to much disagreement from the media and from the Democrats in the House and the Senate. That said, the decision to end the policy was a good one; The DREAM act sets a terrible precedent for future policies and will only worsen the issues of illegal immigration in the United States.

DACA was a policy created to deal with the issue of children brought to the United States illegally through their guardian, who have lived most of their life in the States.

Since many would barely know the homeland that they would be deported to, some believe that their status in the United States should be guaranteed, especially acknowledging that they likely had no power over entering the US. However, this policy while good hearted and filled with empathy, is going to only in-

administrations have been against separating family members when deporting members, and sometimes allow family members to stay with their legal family. Creating the door for so many illegal immigrants to gain legal residence in the United States is a horrible policy for dealing with the immigration issue.

reason why so much illegal immigration (and residency) occurs in the US, as the border crossing is both driven by a need to escape the Cartel's violence and by the revenue that can be made through moving contraband like drugs, guns, or even human captives. Any immigration policy that weakens border security or increases the amount of illegal immigration is only going to increase the Cartel's powers in Mexico. By trying to help the dreamers in America with this policy, we are only hurting the citizens of the countries they leave behind. This is without even mentioning the skill sink that illegal immigration has created for Central America with so many escaping. If we really want to help Central Americans, our policy should not be focused on making illegal immigrants become legal residents, instead we should be focusing on the Cartel's criminal activities that are feeding the immigration.

“DACA is a policy that rewards criminal behavior.”

crease the amount of foreign families who illegally enter the US or overstay visas and work permits. The DACA policy creates an assumption in both politicians and foreigners that the United States will allow children who are illegally brought here to stay indefinitely, which only incentivizes those who were debating illegally entering (or staying) in the US. This is especially bad for border security and the immigration issue in the US when you also keep in mind that many past

On top of the issue of how bad a precedent DACA sets, it is also a policy that rewards criminal behavior. No matter your beliefs about the immigration issue in America, the actions of these illegal immigrants are by definition criminal no matter the age. The DACA policy rewards such behavior, and opens up more ways for the Cartel network in Central America to move contraband across the border through the parents of the Dreamers (by no fault of their own). The Cartels are a large

What The Schmitt?

Marc Schmitt

Editor-In-Chief

Republicans have spent the past two months trying to ram through the most dramatic overhaul of the tax code in decades with constant changes, limited hearings, and blatant lies. They have touted the two bills passed in Congress as tax cuts for corporations and the middle class that will pay for themselves while simplifying the tax code.

Instead, Republicans have cut rates for corporations and the ultra-wealthy while pilfering the rest of the tax code to pay for some of the cuts while adding over \$1 trillion to the deficit.

To recap, the bill cuts the corporate rate from 35 to 20 percent, doubles the standard deduction, and expands the child tax credit. The rate cuts for corporations are permanent, while cuts for individuals may sunset depending on the outcome of the conference committee.

The corporate rate cut comes at a time when companies are earning record high profits relative to GDP, stock markets are setting new records, and markets are becoming more concentrated. Now is when US companies need tax relief the least.

The Dumpster Fire On Capitol Hill

Republicans argue that the benefits of the tax cuts will trickle down to workers in the form of higher wages and unleashed investment. We have heard this argument before and it did not hold the last time.

The party has fooled themselves into thinking they know how businesses will react. Senior Trump administration economic adviser Gary Cohn was shocked when a room full of CEOs did not raise their hands when asked if they were going to increase investment after the tax cut. Instead, companies like Coca-Cola have announced plans to return higher earnings resulting from the tax bill to their already wealth investors.

Equally wrong are Republican arguments that the tax cuts will pay for themselves. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has continued to spread this lie, pointing to a nonexistent Treasury Department report. In addition to the official budget scorekeeper, groups like the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget have projected the cost to be over a trillion dollars.

At best, Republicans' tax reform bill has been projected to add between 0.03 and 0.09 percent annual growth over the next 10 years. Even if the tax cuts could generate the 0.4

percent additional annual growth they say would pay for the bill, that would not be enough to cover costs, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Republicans' new carefree attitude towards adding to the deficit is curious. During the Obama years, congressional Republicans howled and cried foul when the administration did anything to increase the deficit. Those concerns do not matter with Trump in the White House, as Republican Representative Mark Walker admitted back in September, that the deficit is “a great talking point when you have an administration that's Democrat-led.”

But House Speaker Paul Ryan was singing the same old song on Wednesday when he announced Republicans' plan to pursue cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and welfare. Again, this comes weeks after he voted to add over a trillion dollars to the deficit.

What the Republican tax bill amounts to is a ham-fisted way of achieving the goal of cutting taxes for the sake of cutting taxes. The at-any-cost mentality behind the tax scramble served to please their donor class after months of failures even when they hold unified control of govern-

ment. Alarming, Republicans have adopted the “we'll have to pass it to see what's in it” approach to governing that they so viciously decried.

Republicans have also used the bill to punish Democratic constituencies. The repeal of the state and local tax deduction (SALT) will disproportionately hurt voters in Democratic-leaning states, where local and state taxes are higher. Removing the mortgage deduction punishes left-leaning metropolitan areas with high property values. Solidly Democratic higher education has also been singled out for retribution. Relatively low-cost tax provisions benefiting students and universities were cut, such as the tuition waiver that supports close to two hundred thousand graduate students.

The end result is a tax bill that grows the deficit, concentrates its benefits to the wealthy, and leaves young people to pay higher taxes in the future while cutting the programs that could help us.

It is a quick political victory for a Republican party that long stopped caring about the consequences of their actions. They are governing to suit their interests and those who cut the checks, not that of the country.

Pence's Prudence

Thaddeus Hughes

Opinions Editor

It seems every famous figure is somehow or another involved in a sex scandal. You know who isn't involved in one? Mike Pence.

That can be owed to a loosely-defined rule that Pence will not dine alone with women other than his wife, and avoids events with alcohol unless his wife is there. To anyone in a committed relationship, this may seem a little untrusting, but we need to remember a key detail: Pence is a public figure. It does not matter what actually happened, only what appears to.

I hear a lot of complaints with his rule which I can readily understand. Namely, that refusing to dine or meet alone with women is sexist, preventing women from advancing in the workplace in the same way men would be able to.

This analysis ignores the alternative and just focuses on the immediate harms rather than the much larger ones.

This 'rule' allows himself and those who work for him to maintain a positive public image with little risk of sex panic.

The fact of the matter is that when two people of the opposite gender meet one-on-one, there is always the chance, at least in today's society, that the interaction be misconstrued as sexual. And, if all the allegations floating around in the news are true, rightfully so! Add on top of this a notion of numerous loud voices calling to believe female victims by default, and it's no wonder why Pence conducts himself as he does.

Should Mike Pence be able to conduct himself properly alone with another woman? Absolutely. But appearances matter. I'm sure that Pence values his image more

It doesn't matter what actually happens, it's what appears to.

highly than meeting alone over dinner, wouldn't you?

And really, if we want to stop sexual abuse, perhaps we ought to really fortify the lines between work and play- so as to keep business out of the bedroom (or vice versa).

In addition, Is Pence's rule really a big hindrance to women? As a woman who worked for Pence while he was in congress put it, (nypost.com/2017/04/03/the-truth-about-mike-pence-and-woman-staffers),

“I engaged in senior staff meetings and strategy sessions side by side with the congressman and my colleagues, and I never felt sidelined because of my gender. My

proposals and suggestions were always valued as equal with those of my male counterparts... My work product determined my success — not private dinners with the congressman.”

With a host of sexual abuse scandals, shouldn't we be calling for men (and women) to... do something about it? Would monitoring our actions and taking sensible steps to prevent missteps not be in order?

The 2017 Heisman

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Shortly before the 2013 season, Baker Mayfield was named the starting quarterback for Texas Tech following a back injury of starter Michael Brewer. Mayfield is the first walk-on true freshman to start a season opener at the quarterback position.

Mayfield would go on to have an outstanding season and earn Big 12 Conference Freshman Offensive Player of the Year.

Mayfield announced he would be leaving the program due to a ‘miscommunication’ with the coaching staff.


Next, Mayfield would enroll at the University of Oklahoma in 2014 and walk-on to the football team. Mayfield had to sit out of the 2014 season due to Big 12 transfer rules.

In 2015 Mayfield was named the starting quarterback for the Sooners after beating out Trevor Knight. Mayfield went

on to throw for 3,700 passing yards, 36 touchdowns, seven interceptions and fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

With this current college football season coming to its closing, Mayfield has had his best season yet. Mayfield won the 2017 Heisman Trophy with relatively no competition. Mayfield received 86% of the possible points and third highest percentage in Heisman trophy history.

In addition, Mayfield is the only walk-on to ever win a Heisman Trophy.



This one is for Kansas.

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RHIT SPORTS BOX SCORES

RHIT Men’s Basketball

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Rose-Hulman defeated previously unbeaten Transylvania 81-75 in Kentucky. The Fightin’ Engineers relied on hot shooting to defeat Transylvania as they shot 56% and went 9-17 from the three-point range. Transylvania trailed 32-41 in rebounds. The biggest lead of the game was a 14-point Rose-Hulman lead midway in the second half. Transylvania fought back to bring the game within one possession until Charlie Aimone buried a three-pointer with 44 seconds left to push the lead to 77-72.

Rose-Hulman improved to 2-1 in conference play and 2-6 overall.

MEN’S BASKETBALL	1	2	FINAL
ROSE-HULMAN(2-6)	40	41	81
TRANSYLVANIA(5-1)	37	38	75

Standout Performers

Charlie Aimone– 16 points, 2 assists, and 2 rebounds
David Saadatzehadi– Still no sign of him

RHIT Women’s Basketball

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Rose-Hulman made a huge statement in their win over Transylvania because Transylvania was selected as the pre-season favorites to win the HCAC while Rose-Hulman was predicted to finish second. The Fightin’ Engineers jumped ahead quick by taking a 16-10 lead. In the first half, Transylvania shot 27.3% from the floor and just 3-14 from the three-point range. Rose-Hulman carried their defensive momentum into the third quarter by holding Transylvania to just 11 points.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ROSE-HULMAN(6-3)	16	9	18	26	69
TRANSYLVANIA(3-3)	10	8	11	29	58

Standout Performers

Alyzia Dilworth– 21 points, 3 rebounds and 1 steal
Abby Bromenschenkel– 14 points, 6 assists, and 6 rebounds
Chiarra Franklin– 12 points, 8 rebounds, and 1 steal

RHIT Player of the Week

Alyzia Dilworth is the named All-HCAC second-RHIT Player of the Week. team as a junior. Congrats Dilworth scored a team to Dilworth and the rest high of 21 points against conference rival Transylvania. The win over Transylvania proves that the HCAC is still lead by the Rose-Hulman Women’s basketball team. Dilworth helped the team reach 24-4 last season along with HCAC Regular Season and Tournament titles, which led to Dilworth being




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Intramural Standings

Basketball

Greek B

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
Sigma Nu	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Fiji– Sham Yao	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Delta Sig	1	0	0	1	W1	2nd
Pike Garnet	1	1	0	2	L1	2nd
Cat Salads	1	1	0	2	W1	2nd

Volleyball

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
Sigma Nu	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Fiji 3	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Pike Garnet	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Pike Gold	1	1	0	2	W1	2nd
Triangle B	1	1	0	2	L1	3rd

Res Hall B1

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
East 3	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Ball Stars	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Lakesquad	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
Speed 3 Pointers	0	1	1	2	T	2nd
Cankle Breakers	0	1	1	2	T	2nd

TEAM NAME	W	L	T	GP	STREAK	STANDING
Beasts of Weast	2	0	0	2	W2	1st
How I set Your	1	0	0	1	W1	2nd
Game Good Goo	1	0	0	1	W1	2nd
Hit Squad	1	1	0	2	L1	2nd
IM Frisbee	1	1	0	2	W1	2nd

National 7 Day Forecast

National Noodle Ring Day- <i>Perfect for proposals on a budget.</i>	11	National Ambrosia Day	12	National Cocoa Day	13	National Alabama Day	14	National Wear Your Pearls Day	15	Barbie and Barney	16	National Maple Syrup Day	17
		National Ding-a-Ling Day		National Violin Day		National Bouillabaisse Day		Bill of Rights Day		Backlash Day- <i>This day was created from people's extreme hate of Barney and Barbie. Inspirational.</i>		Wright Brothers Day	
		Gingerbread House Day		National Day Of The Horse- <i>Horse girls rejoice; your time has come.</i>				Cat Herders Day		National Wreaths Across America Day			
		Poinsettia Day		Pick A Pathologist Pal Day- <i>"Make friends with a pathologist or coroner because we never know what tomorrow holds."</i>				Free Shipping Day- <i>Go to freeshippingday.com to find out who's participating.</i>		National Chocolate-covered Anything Day			
		Chanukah Begins						National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day					
								Underdog Day- <i>"There's no need to fear, Underdog is here!"</i>					

The HORRORscopes

The week's horoscopes have been read in the goose poop littering the sidewalks. Failure to comply with the advice below will result in the spawn of Satan's left butt cheek, the geese, descending upon you and your loved ones in a fury only matched by that of a frat boy being asked to be the sober one two weekends in a row.

ARIES: Say something nice about the geese as you walk past them this week. After all, geese are only nature's finest Satanists.

TAURUS: If you take notice, you'll hear the geese honking the secrets of the universe. Your golden opportunity to become enlightened will arrive Thursday, when the annual "Congress of the 42 Supreme Geese" will meet around Rose-Hulman's very own Speed Lake.

GEMINI: While having a major falling out between you and your friend might be painful, the geese are here to help. They'll gladly and viciously attack your friend, giving you the opportunity to swoop in and become their knight in shining armor. As you drive to the ER, tears will flow and apologies will come easily.

CANCER: It's time to quit living under modestly dull feathers. Take charge and show everybody that you are a proper golden goose. Just remember to hide your golden eggs from Rose-Hulman, as it might incite them to raise your tuition.

LEO: The general public might be quick to point out your flaws this week. Don't worry too much; they've been doing the same thing to geese for years. Take after the geese and just don't give a squawk.

VIRGO: The world is a scary place filled with geese and whatever those little devils are afraid of. In order to survive, stick close to your friends and never trust a quack.

LIBRA: This week, you'll start to notice that some people's actions and words aren't quite lining up. A clue to something being wrong will involve their new tendency to hiss threateningly. Invest in an exorcist who specializes in goose possessions.

SCORPIO: You have a strong desire to dish out money on presents. Just remember that you are a broke college student and your mom loves handmade gifts. The geese are here to help by supplying you with malleable goose poop for sculptures.

SAGITTARIUS: You've been working hard to repay your debts to the geese. Soon, you will be squared up but your actions have led you to being entrenched in the water fowl underground. There is no escape.

CAPRICORN: Your stress levels are reaching critical. Try to partake in some Gosling Tested, Goose Approved™ activities, like hissing loudly at people who try to get close and then proceeding to viciously beat them when they get too close.

AQUARIUS: There's strength in numbers. In order to get the study room you want, gather your gaggle together and take no prisoners.

DISCES: You've got a goal in mind and nothing will stop you from getting there. Just don't forget that in order to get this far, you had to sell your soul to the Devil. The geese are coming next Tuesday to collect.

<div>Top 10</div> <div><i>Spots on Campus with Extreme Temperature Changes</i></div> <div><div><div>1. Dr. All's classroom during an exam</div><div>2. The Myers' airlock leading to the parking lot</div><div>3. G308</div><div>4. The classroom seat after that dude sits there</div><div>5. Hatfield Hall</div><div>6. Any physics lab</div><div>7. First row in the GM room</div><div>8. The unlicensed nuclear generator in the basement of the BIC</div><div>9. Your car (<i>Yeah, looking at you.</i>)</div><div>10. The top bunk/the loft</div></div><div><div>11. <Insert least favorite frat here> during a party</div><div>12. Your 8 a.m.</div><div>13. The tears running down your face</div><div>14. The space between the shower and the towel</div><div>15. The toilet seat</div><div>16. Your laptop when trying to run any sort of video game</div><div>17. The Gigantic air conditioning units outside of Myers</div><div>18. Winter quarter after the Holidays</div><div>19. Second floor of the Library</div></div></div>	<div>WACKY PROF QUOTES</div> <div><div>"Avoid the devil ... if you can." -Dr. David Chapman</div><div>"Since you won't need this for the exam, we'll just call this recreational mathematics." -Dr. Manda Riehl</div><div>"EIIIIIGHHHHHHZ" -Dr. Zachariah Chambers</div><div>"I'm not an idiot." -Student</div><div>"Really? Ok." -Dr. Arif Mohaimin Sadri</div><div>Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something amusing on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to thorn-flipside@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: https://goo.gl/forms/bB339sx6GHohggYt1</div></div>
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